

Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Bloomfield Local Road Safety Committee

A regular meeting of the Bloomfield Local Road Safety Committee was held on January 5, 2023, commencing at 11:00 a.m. using the Zoom web platform.

Members present: Chief Paul Hammick, Police Department, Captain Stephen Hajdasz, Police Department, Dan Carter, Director of Public Works, and Jonathan Thiesse, Town Engineer

Also present: Sarah Cote, Deputy Town Engineer

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes for the November 3, 2022 meeting were accepted as submitted.

Recent Traffic Calming Related Activities

The Committee discussed current activities conducted and other information since the last meeting. It was noted that no new traffic calming requests had been received. The outcomes of the Woodland Avenue and Maple Avenue second neighborhood information session were discussed. The feedback on the proposed traffic calming measures at each location was generally positive during the neighborhood information session. The neighborhood support surveys for each location were mailed at the end of December.

The Committee reviewed the speed data collected on the Bloomfield side of Coventry Street as a follow up to concerns brought up at the Town Council Meeting on October 2nd. The speed data did not meet the threshold to qualify for traffic calming.

The Committee also reviewed the recently collected speed data on Gilbert Avenue, Harding Avenue, and at the Westbrook Road / Kenwood Circle intersection. The traffic volumes indicated that there was likely some relocation of traffic from Elizabeth Avenue and Merriam Avenue to Gilbert Avenue and Harding Avenue as a result of the speed hump installation. The Committee will make the recommendation to install speed humps on Gilbert Avenue and Harding Avenue and will present at the Safety Committee meeting next week to determine the next steps for moving forward. Mr. Carter informed the Committee that there had been one claim for motor vehicle damage resulting from the speed hump on Elizabeth Avenue. The Westbrook Road / Kenwood Circle intersection did not qualify for the traffic calming program due to the volume and speed data being below the threshold.

Future Activities

The Committee discussed the outstanding locations and next steps. A neighborhood information session for Rockwell Avenue will be held when there is a second location to pair it with. Mr. Thiesse informed the Committee that the reconstruction of School Street including traffic calming elements will be a good candidate to apply for LOTCIP funding.

The Committee scheduled the second neighborhood information to present proposed traffic calming strategies on School Street and Gabb Road for February 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. The Committee will target sometime in March for a second neighborhood information session for Mills Lane.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.